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WASHINGTON, January 24, 1989 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended January 7 totaled 290,415, down 4.4 percent from the comparable week of 1988, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today.

Carloadings originated were down 9.7 percent in the East but up 2.2 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

Loadings of metallic ores were up 7,182 cars (55.7 percent), while grain loadings fell 3,360 cars (11.8 percent) and coal loadings were down 3,608 cars (3.4 percent).

Intermodal traffic -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 87,002 trailers and/or containers for the week ended January 7, down 7.1 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended January 7 totaled 16.6 billion, down 5.1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS

FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 7, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JANUARY 7, 1989	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	25,032	28,392	-11.8 %		
Farm Products, Ex Grain	2,202	3,818	-42.3		
Metallic Ores	20,087	12,905	55.7		
Coal	104,028	107,636	-3.4		
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	9,749	8,412	15.9		
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,750	11,585	-24.5		
Grain Mill Products	9,360	10,979	-14.7		
Food & Kindred Products	7,818	9,258	-15.6		
Primary Forest Products	8,669	9,667	-10.3		
Lumber & Wood Products	5,294	6,647	-20.4	Figures will be available beginning with the second week of 1989.	
Pulp, Paper, & Allied Products	11,261	11,868	-5.1		
Chemicals	25,144	26,465	-5.0		
Petroleum Products	4,375	4,864	-10.1		
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	8,081	7,725	4.6		
Coke	5,693	5,951	-4.3		
Metals & Products	8,411	9,994	-15.8		
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	14,208	14,601	-2.7		
Waste & Scrap Materials	6,757	7,256	-6.9		
Forwarder & Shipper Assn.	6	10	-40.0		
All Other Carloads	5,490	5,616	-2.2		
Total	290,415	303,649	-4.4 %		

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC, AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JANUARY 7, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 1 WEEK ENDING JANUARY 7, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	290,415	303,649	-4.4 %	290,415	303,649	-4.4 %
Intermodal Traffic						
Trailers	52,454	58,388	-10.2	52,454	58,388	-10.2
Containers	34,548	35,213	-1.9	34,548	35,213	-1.9
Total	87,002	93,601	-7.1	87,002	93,601	-7.1
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	16.6	17.5	-5.1 %	16.6	17.5	-5.1 %